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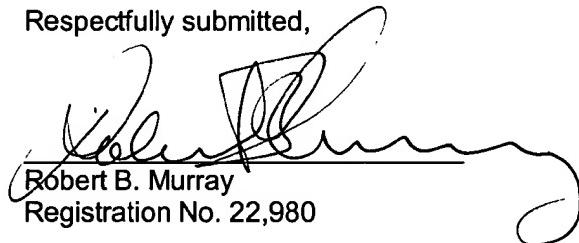
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I, the undersigned, Iwao Tamura, am a Japanese Patent attorney involved in the preparation of the specification of the above-indentified U.S. Patent Application.

The following prior art is the closest prior art of which I am aware relating to the invention defined by the claims of the subject application:

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A copy of the prior art reference noted above is attached to this paper.

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